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MY PLATFORM

By the Candidates

EDITOR'S NOTE: In response to the Herald's invitation, a number of candidates for city council have submitted their statements which are printed below. Practically all the remaining candidates have informed this newspaper that they will submit their statements for publication next week. The Herald is pleased that its offer has met with such general approval by the candidates, as it is the desire of this newspaper to be fair and impartial, and to provide a medium of expression for all groups on all civic problems. Those candidates who have not already submitted their platforms, are respectfully requested to do so not later than Tuesday, in order to insure publication in the final issue before election day, April 11. The candidates' statements received to date follow:

SCOTT LUDLOW
Scott R. Ludlow has been living in Torrance for the past ten years, and during that time has purchased his home in this city. Employed with the Union Tool Company (now the National Supply Co. of Calif.) since 1920 and has always tried to maintain a fair, just attitude in dealing with his fellow employees.

I stand for:
Sensible economy, consistent with the real needs and size of Torrance at the same time anticipating the future needs of the city. Attention will be given to the development of the community interests and enterprises for all the people, and will endeavor to make Torrance the kind of a community each one will be justly proud to live in and invite his friends to do likewise. A spirit of helpfulness will be extended to all residents of Torrance, especially the home-owner.

The use of common sense in city affairs, which will affect a reduction in unnecessary expense and increase the efficiency of city government. No peculiar ideas will be tried out. We have no ax to grind. No sectional interest above any other. Fair play to all sections of the city, including the recently acquired additions to the city in the districts of Wateria, the McDonald Tract and North Lomita. The needs of the district will be justly considered.

Public hearings on all vital issues in the belief that a spirit of cooperation will win out sooner and to the advantage of Torrance. No personal grudges will enter this contest, nor will it materialize later should I be elected. I will endeavor to stand on the just merits of the case, and not on someone's faults, failures or mistakes. The community-owned water system is needed at the earliest possible moment. Strict accounting of all funds from the water bonds about to be issued and from other bonds outstanding. High saving consistent with future needs and service. Lower water rates will be insisted upon. Torrance labor and materials will be used wherever possible.

G. L. MORRIS
G. L. (Bill) Morris, candidate at April 11th election for four-year term as councilman. His statements are:
"I do not believe in pre-election promises or vague platform statements for campaign bait."
"If my candidacy is accepted favorably by Torrance voters I will owe to them my time and energy, but I owe my judgment only to myself. Politically, I am under obligations to no man or clique."
"At this election I am making no issue for or against the Chamber of Commerce fund or the proposed city charter. I believe these two vital issues should be decided upon their true merits. Each voter should analyze carefully these two issues. I feel that my position as a candidate should be unbiased towards the wishes of the people in whatever decision they may make of these two propositions at the polls."
"It would be my endeavor if elected to bring about a closer relationship between the manufacturer and the city of Torrance, particularly the working man. I hope to stir public conscience and restore civic pride. To treat every citizen as I myself would want to be treated."
"I view politics as a series of decisions which should be made for the long range benefit of the public."
"These are critical times as we all know and it behooves all of us, now, more than ever, to elect men into office that will dedicate themselves to the construction of an unselfish civic body dedicated to human service."

MATTHEW F. CAMERON
To the editor of the Torrance Herald:
We wish to thank you very much for the opportunity of presenting our statement to the people of Torrance through the medium of your newspaper. A non-partisan newspaper in a city is one of its greatest assets.

We believe that Matthew F. Cameron is well qualified for the position of a Torrance councilman. He has had 15 years practical experience in the administration of municipal government, which should enable him to handle our problems thoroughly. He has been a resident taxpayer and property owner in the city of Torrance for 10 years.

Mr. Cameron is a naval architectural engineer, having served in the interests of the American, British and French shipbuilding industries in the construction of war-time submarines, for which he holds many patents. He is a man with sterling ability and integrity, and is a well known humanitarian at heart. He believes unqualifiedly in equal rights of all the people, and believes in living wages for all employees, a problem which he has always upheld.

He is financing his own campaign, asking favors from no one, and is offering none. He is united, unprejudiced and unattached to any group or clique, and holds no animosity toward anyone.

He believes that all programs for the progress of Torrance should first be presented to the people before action is taken, and that hasty action in municipal government is not the best solution.

We believe that the people of Torrance should select as their representatives, men of whom they may be justly proud, in whom they may have unshakable confidence, which is the most needed quality in every representative of the people.

THOMAS J. WILKES
Thomas J. Wilkes has lived in Torrance for the past 12 years and is a home-owner, having purchased his home since he came here to reside. He has been an employee in the Stores Department of the Pacific Electric Railway Company for the past 12 years.

My platform is—An economical city government, with fair play and equality for all, showing no partiality to special factions or interests.

If elected, I shall consider my office a sacred trust and will conscientiously devote my best efforts to bringing about the reduction of taxes and shall work for economies that will be of material benefit to the home-owners of Torrance. I shall continually bear in mind that Torrance is a good place in which to live and shall strive to induce industries to locate here and offer employment to Torrance residents.

CITY'S FIRST MARSHAL HAS PASSED AWAY

Ben Olsen, Popular Member of Police Force, Succumbs to Sudden Illness

Ben Olsen, popular night policeman, passed away at 6:15 Monday morning, March 28, at Seaside hospital, Long Beach. Many friends in Torrance mourn the passing of this well-known citizen and extend their deepest sympathy to his bereaved widow.

Mr. Olsen had been ill about two months with an infection of the ear, which became acute a few days ago. He had continued to attend to his duties in spite of his affliction, but on Friday last was compelled to give up work. His condition became so grave that he was taken to Seaside hospital on Saturday for treatment, where he passed away.

Benjamin Olsen was born in Norway, June 30, 1870. The family came to the United States in 1872, and settled in New Albany, Indiana. Young Ben became a glass worker by trade and followed this employment for a number of years in different cities, finally locating in Torrance in 1917 when the Torrance Glass Works began operations here. In 1921 Mr. Olsen left the glass factory to become the first city marshal of the newly incorporated city of Torrance. He was appointed on May 23, 1921, and held office for several months when he resigned on December 13 of the same year.

After several years Mr. Olsen returned to STORY 1 Page 4

Past Commander County Council Addresses Post

C. C. McConigal, past commander of the county council, was the speaker of the evening at a past commanders' meeting held Monday night by Bert S. Crossland Post at their clubhouse, 2252 Carson street. About 30 members of the Post and visitors attended the meeting, which provided a great deal of interest and entertainment.

Without going into any argument for or against the document, Judge Charles T. Rippey briefly reviewed the mechanics of the proposed city charter.

J. Wallace Post, first commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, was presented with a past commander's badge.

Entertainment was provided by Tommy Dawson, popular juvenile member of the Beverly Hills Hillbillies, and Van Bartocho, who sang several numbers.

County Library Prepares History of This Community

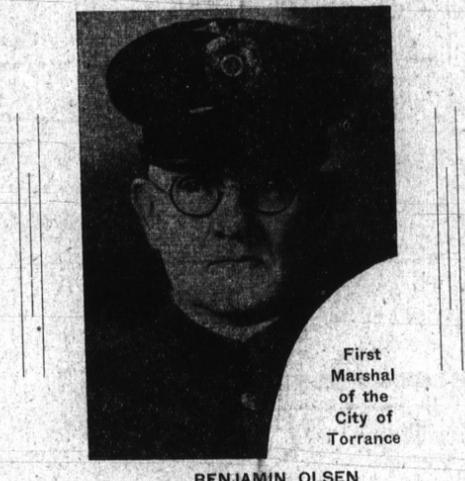
Mrs. Isabel Henderson, librarian at the Torrance branch, has begun to collect material relating to the history of Torrance, in accordance with the request from the reference division of the Central library which is compiling historical data of many communities in Los Angeles county.

Residents of Torrance can assist in the work by donating or lending such books, documents, maps and other material as they have saved, including biographies of prominent citizens, old letters, reports, etc. Relics, such as old costumes, furniture, old photographs, and the like will be welcomed. Mrs. Henderson will explain the project to all who are interested, and wishes to get in touch with all persons who may have something of historical value to contribute.

Group Not Active In Politics, Says Ministerial Head

"It is rumored that the Torrance Ministerial Association has endorsed and is working for certain political candidates in this present campaign," said Rev. G. G. Elder, president of the local association. "May I say, continued the pastor, that the Ministerial Association has not, and will not, endorse any candidate in this campaign. As pastors, we may have our favorite candidates whom we endorse and for whom we work but not as an association."

Well Known Police Officer Passes



BENJAMIN OLSEN

PALOS VERDES SCENIC ROUTE SOON TO OPEN

A notable new Southland show-point, providing an unsurpassed view of the ocean, valleys and mountains of this entire section, will be provided residents and visitors within two months, when ten miles of scenic highway on the crest of the Palos Verdes hills from the Mirafloza section of San Pedro to a coast highway connection near the Palos Verdes Estates will have been completed. This \$200,000 private enterprise has been under construction since last June.

The scenic highway is being constructed by the Palos Verdes Corporation, of which Frank A. Vanderbilt, New York, is president. The project is outside the holdings of the Palos Verdes Estates Company, the corporation being a separate holding.

The Western terminus of the road is at Gran Via Mirafloza, one-half mile south of Via Subida. Traversing the peak of the hills over what were formerly mostly farm roads, this crest highway will join the present Coast Highway two miles west of Point Vicente lighthouse at a point about a mile and a half south of the Palos Verdes Estates nursery.

Industrial Men Favor Charter

Representatives of local plants discuss its advantages. Advantages of the proposed new charter for the city of Torrance were discussed by a group of representatives from local industries and large land owners at Earl's Cafe Monday noon. At the meeting were representatives from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, General Petroleum Corporation, C. C. M. O. Huntington-Redondo Company, Salm Manufacturing Co., Southern California Edison Company and Southern California Gas Company. Practically every industrial representative present expressed himself in favor of the new charter and a number stated that definite statements of approval would be forthcoming from the chief executives of their corporations.

The group was addressed by Judge C. T. Rippey, chairman of the board of freeholders, and Carl Hyde. Sam Levy acted as chairman of the meeting.

Both Judge Rippey and Sam Levy emphasized the fact that at least a 35 cent reduction in the tax rate would be effected if the charter were adopted.

CHARTER MEETING HELD AT WALTERIA

Judge Charles T. Rippey and Sam Levy will be the speakers at a meeting to be held at Walteria tonight to discuss the proposed city charter. The meeting will be held at 7:30 at the Walteria school building.

INDUSTRIAL HEADS VISIT UNION TOOL

Twelve Manufacturers of Los Angeles Investigate Possibilities of Local Plant

Twelve members of the Manufacturers and Industries Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce visited Torrance yesterday afternoon for the purpose of surveying local industries and particularly of learning the adaptability of local plants to the manufacture of automotive parts.

The group was especially interested in learning the potentialities of the Union Tool plant of its availability for the manufacture of products other than oil tool specialties.

R. R. Smith, who is chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, presided at an informal luncheon served the Los Angeles manufacturers at Earl's Cafe prior to the visit of the group at the Union Tool plant.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation of the fine co-operative spirit of the Los Angeles chamber in its efforts to utilize present industrial plants rather than to encourage new construction. The Los Angeles chamber is endeavoring to promote the manufacture of automotive parts in the Southland instead of shipping in these products from the East.

Stilson Responds
Carroll A. Stilson of the Metal Trades Manufacturing Association responded for the Los Angeles group. He stated that he considered the Union Tool plant one of the finest equipped industrial plants on the coast. He also paid a tribute to the high caliber of the executive personnel of the local plants. Following the inspection of the Union Tool works, a visit was made to the Salm Manufacturing Company plant.

Among the Los Angeles manufacturers present at the luncheon and inspection trip were: H. F. Hendrickson, Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation; George Bunge, Central Manufacturing District, Inc.; F. C. Weeks, Pacific Electric Railway Co.; J. H. Fenton, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.; Bob Mason, R. C. Iverson & Co.; Fred W. Smith, Southern California Telephone Company; Otto Wartenweiler, Smith-Emery Co.; W. J. Pollard, Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank; Robert Sibert, Burghwald, Pierce & Sibert, Inc.; F. C. Sans Souci, Santa Fe Railway Company; Carroll A. Stilson, Metal Trades Manufacturing Association; and E. O. Queri, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The Los Angeles group were welcomed by R. E. Smith, B. C. Higginson, J. C. Newton, DeKalb Spurlin, J. C. Smith, W. Rufus Page, Newton L. Hall, and Grover C. Whyte, all of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Check Artist Obtains Funds at Local Store

Manager Morrell of the A. & P. Tea Store, was victimized Saturday by a bad check artist, who obtained groceries amounting to about \$1.50 and change for the balance of a check for \$26.35 which he tendered in payment. The check was written on a Bank of Italy form, Manchester avenue branch, made out to G. E. Martin, and signed by E. A. Meyers Co., 3708 Slauson.

The supposed Martin, on endorsing the check gave his address as 1906 22nd street, an address that proved to be false, as is also the name and address of the maker. He also gave a fake car license number as further identification.

Morrell became suspicious immediately after the man had left the store and attempted to locate the Torrance and to locate the man, but was unable to do so. The latter are said to entertain the belief that the man, who is of a type rather easy to identify, is living at least temporarily in the Torrance and of Long Beach.

According to report, Martin had attempted to pass the check at the J. C. Penney Company store but was refused.

Representatives In Oratorical Contest Picked

Preliminary Event in Annual Constitution Competition Held Next Week

School finals in the annual oratorical contest based on the American Constitution, will be held at the Torrance high school, Tuesday, April 5, when the six best compositions submitted will be judged to pick the two who will represent Torrance in the district meet. Prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be awarded to the winners.

Between 30 and 40 essays have been submitted from which the six best will be selected on Thursday and Friday of this week. The six will be judged at an aud held on Tuesday. The district meet, to be participated in by schools of the Marine League organization, will be held at Banning high school in Wilmington on Friday, April 15. Winners in this contest will compete in the Southern California semi-finals at Shrine auditorium, Los Angeles, on April 29.

Torrance has in the past succeeded in placing a representative in the Los Angeles semi-finals, but up to date has not had a contestant who can pass that point. It is hoped this year to produce a winner who will go through the entire list of events. Some substantial prizes are awarded in the higher contests, with participation in a national contest as the ultimate goal.

Invoke County Act to Open Way

Because the Acquisition and Improvement Act is not suitable for carrying out proceedings for completing the extension of State street between Anaheim street and the Esplanade at Redondo Beach, the right-of-way will be acquired under the County Street Opening Act, it was decided yesterday by the board of supervisors.

When the proceedings were instituted, the right-of-way was to be acquired as far east as the State Highway, near Naples. The link between Anaheim street and Naples has been taken over and completed by the state highway department, but the right-of-way west to Redondo Beach still remains to be acquired.

In addition to passing through Long Beach, the artery serves Signal Hill, Wilmington, Harbor City, Lomita and Torrance, terminating at the Esplanade in Redondo Beach.

The improvement of State street between the junction of Anaheim street and Hathaway in East Long Beach and the Esplanade will be carried forward under the Acquisition and Improvement District, No. 245. The street opening and widening act to be employed in obtaining the right-of-way calls for the creation of Street Opening District No. 137.

Postmaster Here Asks Extension of Number System

Authorization to extend the Los Angeles city house-numbering system to the area north of Wilmington in the east of Torrance has been given on request of Postmaster Alfred Gourdir of Torrance. It was announced today. Postmaster Gourdir asked that the numbering system be extended in order to facilitate delivery of mail in that area, which is served by carriers working out of his office.

City Officials Asked to Attend Dam Ceremony

Officials of Torrance and other incorporated cities will be asked to participate in ground breaking exercises for the new San Gabriel Dam No. 2 on Friday, April 15, it was announced today by the county board of supervisors.

A dinner is to be served at the ceremony, which will mark the first actual resumption of construction in the canyon since the high dam project was abandoned in October, 1929. Maceo Construction Company of Clearwater will build the structure for its low bid of \$2,086,900.

CITIZENS TO BE JUDGES IN CIVIC DEBATE

Struggle Set For Tuesday Night at High School

Tuesday, April 5, is the date set for the much-heralded public debate on the proposed city charter. William T. Klusman, avowed opponent of the charter, and Charles T. Rippey, chairman of the board of freeholders and champion of the document, will meet at the Torrance high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. on that date. All arrangements regarding the debate have been agreed upon by the two protagonists.

There will be no chairman, but each contestant will take his turn at presiding over the meeting. Mr. Klusman will open the program and introduce Mr. Rippey. In turn, Rippey will present the antagonist and take his place as temporary presiding officer.

Mr. Rippey will speak for 30 minutes, followed by Klusman. Mr. Rippey will have 15 minutes for rebuttal and Mr. Klusman will take five minutes to refute the arguments of his opponent offered in this final summing up. No questions are to be asked from the audience and no interruptions will be permitted. The charter discussion will be made on its merits, with Rippey defending and Klusman seeking to present arguments powerful enough to forestall its adoption at the polls on April 11.

Raised Dollar Bill Is Passed At Oil Station

Quintet Who Victimized Local Service Station Man Sought by Police

Five men who drove up to G. R. Mau's service station at the corner of Hawthorne and Riverside-Redondo boulevards at 6:30 Tuesday evening, are being sought by federal and sheriff's officers on a charge of passing a raised \$1 bill.

The men, who were riding in a Ford Fordor sedan, carrying license plates 2R8206, are alleged to have secured five gallons of gasoline from the attendant at the service station, giving him in payment what appeared to be a \$10.00 bill.

Later examination of the bill showed that it had been cleverly raised. Its original denomination being \$1.00. Bank officials in Torrance, who examined it, declared that it was an exceptional piece of work which could deceive even an expert. The bill was turned over to the sheriff's office.

The driver of the car was said to have some scratches on one hand and on his face which had been treated with iodine.

The car used by the alleged banknote artists was said on investigation to be registered to E. C. Hudson, Ocean Park.

De Groot to Speak at Boys' League

Edward B. DeGroot, Scout executive for the Pacific southwest and international chairman of boys' work for the Rotary club, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Boys' League to be held at the Torrance high school next Wednesday. Mr. DeGroot is a national figure in boys' work and his coming to Torrance will be an especially important event in the history of the local league.

DOLLAR DAYS IN TORRANCE
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